

further wherein the Examiner rejected claims 41-56, 58, 59 and 61-70 in view of prior art references.

Based upon the following Amendments and Remarks, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of, and withdrawal of, the Final Rejection and allowance of the pending claims is, therefore, respectfully requested.

Please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 58, 61, 63 and 64 as follows:

58. (Twice Amended) The apparatus of claim 41, further comprising:

means for determining whether an individual has progressed through one of said educational material, a [and a one of] segment of said educational material, and a portion of said educational material;

means for determining whether the individual has submitted assignments related to said educational material;

means for determining whether the individual has one of taken required examinations and satisfied formal requirements related to said educational material;

means for generating a first signal indicative of one of the individual's successful completion of said educational material and the individual's failure to successfully complete said educational material; and

means for transmitting said first signal to one of the individual, an administrator, and an instructor.

61. (Twice Amended) The apparatus of claim 41, further comprising:

a receiver for receiving a request to obtain an individual's one of status and progression relating to one of a course and a program of study;

wherein information related to the individual's one of status and progression relating to said one of a

course and a program of study is stored in said memory device;

wherein said [processor] processing device processes said request to obtain the individual's one of status and progression, wherein said [processor] processing device processes the request in conjunction with the information stored in said memory device, and further wherein said [processor] processing device generates a first data set, wherein said first data set contains information indicative of the individual's one of status and progression related to said one of a course and a program of study, and further wherein said transmitter transmits said first data set in response to said request to obtain the individual's one of status and progression.

63. (Twice Amended) The apparatus of claim 41, wherein said [processor] processing device compares the individual's one of status and progression related to said one of a course and a program of study with the requirements for successfully completing said one of a course and a program of study, and further wherein said [processor] processing device generates a second data set, wherein said second data set contains information related

to requirements of said one of a course and a program of study to be completed for the individual's successful completion of said one of a course and a program of study.

64. (Twice Amended) The apparatus of claim 61, further comprising:

an input device for entering a second data set, wherein said second data set contains revised information concerning an update in the individual's one of status and progression related to said one of a course and a program of study,

wherein said [processor] processing device processes said second data set and stores the revised information in said memory device.

#### **REMARKS**

This is an Amendment After Final Rejection and Request for Reconsideration in the above-identified application. Applicant has amended claims 58 and 63 so as to overcome the formal matter objections of the Examiner. Applicant has also amended claims 61 and 64 so as to make